ALGER IS CHOSEN

HE IS OFFERED AND ACCEPTS THE SECRETARYSHIP OF WAR.

HE AND SHERMAN ON GOOD TERMS.

"They Will Work Together in Harmony"-New York and General Stewart L. Woodford-Colonel J. J.

CANTON, O., January 29.-This was Major McKinley's birthday, and he celebrated it by tendering the portfolio of War to General Russell A. Alger, of Michigan, who at once accepted it. General Alger authorized the correspondent of the Southern Associated Press to say that he had accepted the portfolio of He was asked if all differences between himself and Senator Sherman had been arranged: "Yes," said he. "We are on good terms, and will work together in harmony."

General Alger arrived at 1 o'clock, and lunched with Major McKinley. Ex-Congressman A. M. Thompson, of Ohio, and ex-Speaker Titus Sheard, of New York.



RUSSELL ALEXANDER ALGER.

were the other guests. After luncheon, Major McKinley and General Alger re-tired for a private talk, and at the ex-piration of two hours General Alger came out, and made the announcement that he was to be in the Cabinet. He left for Detroit at 4 o'clock.

General Alger was in a happy frame of mind, and was frankly pleased with the result of his visit to Canton. He said he was not personally acquainted with all of the men who are likely to be in the Cabinet, and said that three of them he did not know by sight. He said the appointment of Mr. Gage had made a remarkably favorable impression on the business and commercial world, and would hasten the return of confi-

Ex-Speaker Sheard, of New York, talk-ed for two hours to-day with the Presi-dent-elect. He said:
"My interview was a pleasant and in

every way a very satisfactory one. We discussed the New York situation in respect to the Cabinet, and urged the appointment of General Stewart L. Woodford, on the ground that he is a clean, strong, capable man, about whom very much that is good can be said. His apganizations in New York, and that fact ought not to make it unacceptable to any fair-minded citizen. Major McKinley has a high opinion of General Woodford, and may appoint him, but I do not think he has decided what to do with respect My conviction is that New York will be represented in the Cabinet

by a thoroughly satisfactory t...an,"
Colonel J. J. McCook, of New York,
who called on Major McKinley last
night, is mentioned to-day as a Cabinet

General Russell A. Alger, who is to be Secretary of War, was born in Lafayette, Medina county, O., February 27, 1836; the son of Russell and Caroline Alger, both descended from English ancestry. He worked on a farm in summer and studied the winter, receiving his education at the Richfield Academy, in Lafayette. He studied law and was admitted to practice in Ohlo in 1859. He then removed to Michgan, and when the war between the States broke out, in 1861, enlisted as a private in the Second Michigan Cavalry. served with gallantry throughout the war, and reached the rank of major-general.

In 1884 General Alger was elected Gov ernor of Michigan as a Republican, and served one term. He was commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1860. He resides in Detroit, and is

JAMES WILSON, OF IOWA. He Will Probably Be Secretary of Agriculture.

CANTON, O., January 29.-James Wilson, of Iowa, who has been prominently mentioned in connection with the position of Secretary of Agriculture, arrived here at 7 o'clock this evening, and drove at once to Major McKinley's residence. The Major, who knew Mr. Wilson when he was in Congress, greeted him heartly, and the two at once withdrew for a private conversation, which lasted more than an hour. Mr. Wilson, in all probability will be offered and will accept the port folio of Agriculture.

ECKELS'S SUCCESSOR. The report that Charles G. Dawes, or Illinois, is to be Comptroller of the Curnot be confirmed to-night.

THE OREGON DEADLOCK.

Denson-Mitchell House Apparently on Its Last Legs. SALEM. ORE., January 29.-The

Bourne-Davis House met at 9:30 and adjourned till the same hour to-morrow. The Denson-Mitchell House was called to order at 10 o'clock A. M. and then adjourned until 2 P. M. on Monday next. The Senate still refuses to recognize t

House, and the Secretary of State will not pay for the printing of its bills, mainning that it is an illegal organization, and from present indications it cannot

DESPERADO DONE FOR.

Man of the Flowing Moustache" Killed by Officers.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., January 29 .-With the killing in this city at noon today of "Billy" Carter, commonly spoken of in derision as "the man of the long and flowing moustache," one of the law's most dreaded foes bit the dust.

Carlet was a common Georgia "crack-r," filterate, and until recent years a sy laborer, belonging to the class hown as "poor whites." One night last All search for him was unavailing, but he has led a charmed life since, and became a terror to officers of the law sud peaceable citizens alike. He had no confederates, but as a lone highwayman, plundered the country at will, and on property occasions field at bay officers who

were searching for him. He not infrequently entered the city, and was seen at entertainments in the outskirts.

A few days since Carter's wife rented a cottage in the city on a back street, and to-day the police authorities were notified of Carter's presence there. A posse of seven officers, under Sergeant Haskins, surrounded the house. The outlaw defied arrest, and walked into their midst with two big Colt's revolvers, which he discharged right and left, his first shot breaking the arm of Detective Charles Brock; but Carter's body was filled with lead in a trice, The only words he spoke before he died were: "Sen' my pistols and my body back to Georgia."

AUGUSTA AND CHATTANOOGA R. R. Prospect That It Will Be Built-Great Possibilities.

AUGUSTA, GA., January 29 .- There is a prospect of the Augusta and Chattanooga railroad being built. The Chronicle to-morrow will publish a letter from J. C. Stanton, of Ballston Spa, N. Y., who built the Alabama Great Southern railroad, in which he says:

"I have never known such times to negotiate for a new road. The Augusta and Chattanooga railroad I think one of the most important railroads to be built at present, and it is of no use to flatter the people that they are going o get a railroad until you negotiate for

men to build it.

"At last, I have found a party who will take the securities and furnish the money to complete the enterprise. They are to send their own man there, to see if the statements which I have made are true. I have no fears but that he will find it as I have stated. I am in hopes he will be ready to go with me South, the latter part of this week. I will take my engineer with him."

The building of the Augusta and Chat-tanooga would be one of the greatest things that could happen for Augusta and the Southeast. It would open up a magnificent territory to this city, put it in closer touch with the great coal and iron fields of Alabama and Tennessee, and make Augusta the gateway of the and make Augusta the gateway of the West to the sea, saying the great agricul-tural interests of the West thousands of miles between their trade centres and

SOUTH AFRICA COMMITTEE.

One Appointed by British Commons. Victoria's Sexagesimal.

LONDON, January 29.-In the House of Commons to-day, the discussion of the question of the appointment of a com-mittee to inquire into the troubles in South Africa was resumed. In the course of the debate, Right Hon. Joseph Cham-bertain, Secretary of State for the Colo-nies, declared that the position in South Africa was still unsettled, and that during the last few months there had been a recurrence, and an increase in growth of the feeling of unrest, which must be allayed.

recurrence, and an increase in growing of the feeling of unrest, which must be allayed.

Matters had been rendered much worse, he said, by the recent legislation on the part of the Boer Parliament, and, moreover, although President Kruger had again and again promised to give favorable consideration to the grievances of the Utilanders, he had not done so, Great Britain, Mr. Chamberlain declared, still maintained that peace was insecure, and would remain so until the Utilanders' grievances were redressed. He felt sure that an inquiry by a commission formed for that purpose would further these ends. Sir William Harcourt, leader of the Opposition, reminded the House that the proposed inquiry was not only for the House of Commons, but for the whole world as well. He then spoke in favor of the motion, and against the amendment offered yesterday by Mr. M. J. MacLean, which recited that in view of the Peaceful settlement of the South African question, and the punishment of the Transvaal raiders, it would be inexpedient to reopen the matter, and needless to reappoint the committee.

Mr. MacLean then withdrew his amendment, and eventually a South African committee was appointed.

In reply to a question by Sir George Baden-Powell, Mr. Chamberlain said that the government, with the approval of her Majesty, had invited the Prime Minister of the several Colonies to come to England, and take part in the celebration of clusters of the skytieth year of the

Majesty, had invited the Prime Ministers of the several Colonies to come to Engind, and take part in the celebration of the completion of the sixtieth year of the Queen's reign. (Cheers.) If the invitations were accepted, Mr. Chamberlain continued, the Premiers would be the guests of Great Britain. (Cheers.) Replies to the invitations, he added, had already been received from the Premiers of Canada and the other North American Colonies, the Cape Colony, and Natal, all of which were extremely gratifying.

NOT SMALL-POX.

But Greensboro's Scare Cost Her Many a Dollar.

GREENSBORO', N. C., January 29.-Special.)-The people of Greensbero' gave sigh of relief to-day when Dr. Ramsy Nevitt, a small-pox specialist from Washington, D. C., reported the suspected case to be chicken-pox instead of small-pox. He stated, however, that it was a very peculiar case, and very hard to diagnose. The Benhow House opened up this afternoon, and the guests are arriving again, The scare has cost our town not less than \$100,000.

GOLD CONTRACTS PROHIBITED. The Militia Abolished, as an Instru-

ment of Oppression. GUTHRIE. OKLA., January 29.—The iston Democratic-Populist Legislature to-day passed a bill prohibiting gold contracts in the Territory; also, one abolishing the militia, declaring it to be the instrument of a corrupt central government, used to protect corporations and oppress the people. The debate was very sensational on both measures, and even more radical things are promised.

Trade-Mark Treaty with Japan.

WASHINGTON, January 29.—It is un-deratood that a treaty is soon to be sent to the Senate, negotiated between this country and Japan, on the subject of trade-marks and copyrights. American business-men who have suffered from the absence of such treaty agreements have been urging the establishment of such re-lations for some time.

The Plague Reaches Gon.

LISHON, January 29.—Dispatches ceived here from Gos, the capital city the Portuguese Territory of that name India, say there are three cases of the bubonic plague in a hospital there, Serious Cutting Affray.

GREENSBORO', N. C., January 29.— Special.)—A negro named Arthur Rankin cut a white man named Scoggin yesterday very seriously. He is cut in the region of the beart, and he may die.

Senator George's Condition.

washington, January 29.—Little or no change is renorted in Senator George's condition at 10:30 o'clock to-night. If any-thing he is slightly weaker.

Where Goes the Laurada? FORT MONROE, VA., January 29.—The steamer Laurada passed out of Hampton Roads at 2 P. M., destination not known.

Telegraphic Briefs.

Washington.—The cruiser Marion left Acapulco, Mexico, for San Diego, Cal. Madisonville, Ky.—Fire destroyed Ray's Opera-House and a number of stores. Loss, \$75,000; insurance partial.

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Washington.—Commander J. F. Merry
ig detached from ordnance instruction at
the Washington yard, to await orders.

Washington.—Attorney-General Harmon
signed the application for foreclosure of
the Kansas Pacific railroad mortgage, and
the papers were mailed, to be filed in
Kansas and Missouri.

Washington.—At the night session of the

Washington.—At the night session of the House nineteen private pension bills were pussed. The proceedings were devoid of incident. At 10:30 P. M. the House adjourned until to-day.

TWO OR THREE MEN DO THE WORK EFFECTUALLY.

EXPRESS - CAR DYNAMITED.

Two Small Safes Blown Open and Looted-Car Takes Fire and Is Almost Entirely Destroyed-Passen

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., January 29 .-Train No. 15, the north-bound express on the Southern Pacific road, was held up this morning at Shady Point, two miles south of Roseburg, Ore., by two or three men. The express-car was detached from the train by the robbers, and the door blown open with dynamite. Two small safes in the car were blown open and looted. The express-car then took fire. The conductor and trainmen worked hard to save the car after the robbers had gone, but the car and its con tents were destroyed.

The train was on time at Shady Point, where Engineer Morris saw a man at the side of the track, waving a flag. He slowed up for the signal, and as he came to a stop, a man, armed with two revolvers came over the back of the tender and covered him. At the same time another armed man the one who had flagged the train, appeared at the side of the cab, and pointing a revolver, ordered the engineer not to attempt to move the train, but to come down at once and go with them to the express-car. The fire man, mean time, had got down on the other side. The two robbers and the engineer then went to the express-car, where the outlaws ordered the expressmessenger to open the door. This he re-fused to do. The robbers then uncoupled the express-car, returned to the engine, and backed the train, leaving the ex-press-car separated. Meantime, the ex-press-messenger had seized the opportunity to leave his car. After breaking the train in two the robbers returned to the express-car, and with heavy charges of dynamite, blew the door open. En-tering the car, they attacked two small safes, which they succeeded in entering.
The messenger thought the robbers did
not understand getting into the big safe,
and consequently would not secure much

The mail-car was also visited, and re gistered letters were taken. The explo-sions set fire to the express-car, and when the robbers left it was a mass of fiames. The train-crew worked like Tro-jans, but were unable to save it. The ear and its contents were almost totally destroyed by fire.

The passengers were considerably shaken up and frightened, but no one was injured. An imperfect description of one robber

BUILDING AND LOAN COMPANIES. Only One in Knoxville Now That Is Unembarrassed.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., January 29 .-The only building and loan association in this city now which is not in the hands of a receiver is the People's, and it is not purely a building and loan organization, but does a banking business, with the building and loan feature as a Captain A. Y. Burrows was to-day

named as receiver for the Citizens' Building and Loan Association. The Citizens' association does business in Tennessee, Kentucky, and Virginia. The cause given for the assignment was the and failure to realize on real estate. The stockholders of the Knoxvill company held a meeting to-day, an agreed to have the temporary receiver ship made permanent, and that the re ceiver be instructed to close up the fairs of the association at once, is the oldest one of the building asso tions in Knoxville, having been organized A feature of the many failures, which

has not been previously mentioned, is that the associations owe to the city of Knoxville over \$800 in taxes, which must

e paid first of all.

The Covenant Building and Loan Asociation, where asked for a receiver yesterday, has had W. A. Gaibraith, Deputy Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court, This association will wind up

CASE OF THE THREE FRIENDS. Petition by Attorney-General for

WASHINGTON, January 29 .- Attorney General Harmon has prepared a petition for a writ of certiorari, to bring up for review by the Supreme Court of the United States the case of the Three Friends, the alleged filibustering steamer, from the United States Court for the Southern District of Florida, which he will present to the court at its session Monday next. An appeal from the decision of Judge Long in the case has been taken to the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, where it is now pendins. In the petition the Attorney-General says: "The question involved in this case is whether the words 'colony, district, or people,' in section 223, Revised Statutes, are confined in application to political bodies whose belilgerency has been formally recognized, the Three Friends having been fitted out and armed in aid of the present insurrection in Cuba, which insurrection is sufficiently notorious and for a writ of certiorari, to bring up for maily recognized the having been fitted out and armed in aid of the present insurrection in Cuba, which insurrection is sufficiently notorious and extensive to have received the attention of the government of this country for nearly two years past, although the insurgents have not received any recognition of belligerency—of all which the courts take judicial notice.

"The question is very important, since if the section under consideration is not applicable to such expeditions in support of the present Cuban insurrection, these expeditions are piratical in character, and prosecutions should be instituted under the provisions of the Revised Statutes.

"The question, moreover, is of especial importance because it arises likewise under section 5282 of the Revised Statutes find elsewhere.

"Unlawful expeditions in aid of the Cu-

and elsewhere.

"Unlawful expeditions in aid of the Cuban insurrectionists, endangering the honor and dignity of the United States, are continually in preparation, and it is of great importance that the construction of the statutes intended to preserve the neutral and pacific relations of the United States should be notified as early as possible.

For these reasons the Secretary of State has requested that an application be made at once for a writ of certiforari, o review the decision of the Circuit court.

Court. Attorney-General, concurring in the opinion, and believing the present to be one of the exceptional cases white warrant the issuance of such a writ without awaiting the decision of the lower appel ate court, respectfully presents this amplication.

THE NEGRO NOT INVITED. West Virginia's Off-Color Legislative Elephant.

CHARLESTON, KANAWHA, W. VA., January 29.—(Special.)—Several of the Republican members of the House of Delegates refused to attend a reception and ball given by citizens at the State House to-night, because Chris, Payne, the negromember from Fayette county, was not invited. It is thought that some trouble will arise next Monday night when, Governor McCorkle gives a reception in honor of Governor-elect Atkinson and the Legislature, as Payne will not be invited. CHARLESTON, KANAWHA, W. VA.

Glove-Contests Licensed. CARSON, NEV., January 29.—Governor Sailer signed the bill licensing glove contests at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Tennessee Bank Suspends. KNOXVILLE, TENN., January 23.—The Watauga Bank, of Johnson City, did not

open its doors this morning, having had an assignee appointed to look after its interests. The assets amount to \$94,000. While the Habilities are \$28,000. F. B. St. John was named as assignee. He says the failure was on account of poor collections, failure to realize money on securi-ties, and a general withdrawal of funds on the part of depositors. The institution was the oldest in Johnson City.

ATLANTA & WEST POINT R. R. Application for Receiver Taken Up for a Hearing.

ATLANTA, GA., January 29 .- The aplication for a receiver for the Atlanta and West Point Railroad Company was taken up for a hearing to-day. The defendant company and its officers, the Georgia Railroad Company, the Central of Georgia Railroad Company, and some interveners opposed the appointment of a receiver. L. B. Nelson, the stockholder who filed the suit for a receiver, contends that the charter of the Atlanta and West Point Company expired last December, and that the new charter, which was obtained, was illegal. Therefore, he holds that the company is dead, and that its affairs should be wound up and its property sold, and the proceeds

distributed among the stockholders.

The defence is that a good, legal charter was obtained from the Legislature before the expiration of the old charter, and that the company is not legally de-funct. The argument had only begun to-day, when the case was postponed un-

FOUR FAVORITES WIN.

Too Cold, Though, for Many People

to Attend the Races.

NEW ORLEANS, January 29.—It is still very cold here, and the attendance was affected in consequence. The track was slow, but drying fast. Four favorites won, and the 1,500 people present beat the books well.

First race—seven furlongs—High Test (102, Morse, 6 to 5) won, with Van Brunt second, and Springtime third. Time, 1:32. Second race—six furlongs—Full Hand 37, Dorsey, 2 to 1) won, with Princess Bonnie second, and Ilia third. Time, 1:47:1-2

Third race-one mile-Master Fred 68. Songer, 8 to 5) won, with Favorine se cond, and Plutus third. Time, 1:48. Fourth race—handicap, seven furlongs— Mamie G. (93, T. Burns, 6 to 1) won, with Pete Kitchen second, and Marquise third. Time, 1:31.

Fifth race-seven furlongs-Hillsboro' (199, Morse, 6 to 1) won, with Tom Sayre ond, and Ida Wagner third.

Sixth race-seven furlongs-Elano (104, Hart, 4 to 5) won, with Trixle second, and If third. Time, 1:31 1-4.

TRAIN AND SNOW-PLOW COLLIDE. Two Men Killed-Several Others Seriously Injured.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., January 29.-A freight-train on the Buffalo, Rochester, and Pittsburg railroad, which left this in a head-on collision by a snow-plow near Le Roy, about 9 o'clock, and seve-ral persons were killed and injuged. Brakeman George Cranston was standing on the step of the snow-plow, so as to jump and turn the switch, when the freight-train crashed into the snowplow. He was killed instantly. Henry Snyder, conductor on the snow-plow, was also killed. Of the injured, James Kerrigan, flagman, and Robert McLaughlin, brakeman, may die. Both engines were completely wrecked, and seven cars were derailed.

SENSATIONAL BANK REPORT. First National, of Newport, Ky., in Bad Condition.

CINCINNATI, O., January 29.-Bank-Examiner Tucker's report to the Comptroller about the First National Bank of Newport, Ky., is sensational. An ex-

The statement shows too much overdraft, and too much money tied-up in draft, and too most real estate and mortgages. The quick real estate and mortgages. The quick real estate viz: Amounts due from other Amounts national banks. State banks, and cash are too weak. The total resources are given as \$871,257; loans and discounts, \$724,256. An item of \$415 of "cash short" is considered significant. The total liabilities are given as \$200,000; deposits subject to check, \$362,594; total deposits, \$394,398. Mr. Tucker estimates that the loss in loans and discounts will approxinate \$200,000.

CUBAN WAR NEWS MEAGRE.

Weyler Finds No Rebels-General Lee Visits American Prisoners.

HABANA, January 29.-War news is very meagre and uninteresting. Everything appears to be quiet at present. Captain-General Weyler is reported to have arrived at Rodas, near Clenfuegos. have arrived at Rodas, near Clenfuegos. The official reports state that his march thus far has been successful. He found no rebeis along his road, all of them falling back into the remoter country districts as he passed along.
Federo Novell, Juan Panades, Juan Matamoras, Jose Calderon, Auerilio Alvalongo, and Manuel Gutlerrez Trutislo all political suspects will be de-

jielo, all political suspects, will be de-ported to-morrow to the Chafarinas and

Consul-General Lee to-day visited Dr. Betancourt and other Americans who are confined in the Habana jail.

WEYLER TO BE SUPERSEDED.

Azearraga, It Is Reported, to Take Cuban Governor-Generalship.

MADRID, January 29 .- A report is in irculation here that General Azcarraga, Minister of War, is to be appointed Governor-General of Cuba, and that General Weyler, the present Governor-General, is to be retained as commander-in-chief of the troops. It is also stated that it has een decided to make some changes in the Ministry, by which Senor Castellanos. Minister of Colonies, and Senor Cos-Gayon, Minister of the Interior, will retire and be replaced, respectively, by Senors Saulos Guzman and Robledo.

BROOKLYN L ROAD DISASTER. Two Switchmen Arrested on Suspicion of Being Responsible.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., January 29 .- Two switchmen, employed at the Van Sicklen-Avenue Station of the Brooklyn Elevated railroad, were arrested to-day on suspiion that they were responsible for the ollision on the road last night, in which one man was killed and several were injured. Their names are John Rogers and Malachi Baldwin. They are charged with homicide.

BRYAN AT SAN ANTONIO. He Makes His Last Appearance as a Lecturer.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., January 29. William J. Bryan arrived here this morning from Austin. He has cancelled his contract with the lecture management, and made his last public appearance as a lecturer here to-night. It is possible that he will visit a few places, of his own accord, in answer to pressing

To Cure a Cold in One Day take laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if fails to cure.

A BRILLIANT EVENT.

THE DECORATIONS AND SUPPER.

Arrangements Complete in 1980 Detail-Elegant Costumes Worn'by the Ladies-List of Those Present-The Reception Committee.

Under the spreading branches of a huge mistletoe-bough was enacted last night one of the fairest spectacles which has ever found a place on the record of Richmond's great social successes. Rarely, can the mystic bough, with all the marvellous wealth of legend and the romance that clusters arount it, have smiled down upon a prettier scene, or upon a more animated throng. It needed not the ample folds of the cloak of charity to invite the attention and support of the votaries of fashion.

The mere announcement that the ball was to be given under the auspices of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities ensured its success, without reference to the fact that the proceeds would be devoted to the society's coffers, to aid it in the great and patriotic work, in which it is engaged.

WAS THE FIFTH EVENT. The "Mistletoe Ball" of last night was the fifth event of the kind given within the last seven years under the auspices of the association. Upon each occasion it has been the object of its promoters to introduce some unique feature and spe-cial dance which should distinctly mark the occasion. The stately minuet, the courtley saraband, and the quaint dance of the "Cotton Blooms" will long be remembered for their picturesqueness and their grace, but the old-time Vir-ginia quadrille, danced last night be-neath the glistening berries of the mistletoe, will be reckoned the pleasantest

Every detail of the arrangements for the ball had been carefully considered and planned, and in the hands of energetic and capable committees, was carried out with the utmost smoothness and precision. The ball-room, the foyer, and the supper-room were most tastefully decorated by the ladies of the society, assisted by Harvey. The foyer was crowded into a tete-a-tete room by means of handsome draperies and inviting divans, lounges, and easy chairs, and beneath the glow of number of delicately-shaded lamps, amidst bowers of palms and trailing plants, the dancers found surcease from the plesureable exertions of the dance.

THE DECORATIONS IN DETAIL. The principal decorations, however, were in the bail-room. White and gold draperies hung from the gallery of the hall; city at 7:30 o'clock last night, was met in a head-on collision by a snow-plow at the Delaware and Western junction. posed upon the walls, and the banners of the society surrounding a dainty device of mistletoe and roses, embracing the initials of the society, formed a conspicuous feature at the south end of the room. The orchestra-stand was banked with

palms, azaleas, and other potted plants, but the cynosure of every eye was the great mistletoe bough, tied with a green and white sat'n bow, and surmounted by a Cupid's cross bow, which hung in the centre of the hall upon two huge garlands a Cupid's cross bow, which hung in the centre of the hall upon two huge garlands of evergreen, which stretched from side to side of the hall. The glare of the electric lights was delicately toned with colored shades, and these, with the holly berries, contributed the color which served to shades, and these, with the holly berries, contributed the color which served to Charles U.

mests at the opening of the ball.

The reception lasted for three quarters of an hour, and it was nearly half-past 10 when the opening strains of the grand march announced the inauguration of the festivities. By this time some 250 guests had congregated, representing the wealth and fashion of the Old Dominion, and the scene was an unusually brilliant one. From that time on the guests arrived in quick succession, and the ball was soon at its height. From the gallery interested on-lookers gazed on the scene, drinking in all the multifarious details of that

feast for the eye. CHARACTER OF THE DRESSES Next to the distinctive feature, the nistletoe ball will be remembered for the great number of magnificent tollets which were seen at it. Superb confections of the dressmakers' art, made of the costgrace by some of nature's loveliest women. There was, too, a great display of costly jewels, and the whole scene, with corative setting, was like a gor-

Midnight had been set apart as the supper hour. It was a sumptuous col-lation, elegantly served. For it Caterer Zimmermann had exhausted all his wealth of resource. The room was not so elaborately decorated as the others, but the tables were garnished with cut-flowers, ferns, and the omnipresent mis-

During the progress of the supper the orchestra played a composition of Pro-fessor Thilow's, entitled, "Under the Mistletoe-Bough. Immediately following the dancing was resumed, and kept up until an early hour this morning.

THE RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

The ladies of the Reception Committee resent were: Mrs. Alfred T. Harris (chairman), who wore an elegant gown of cream-colored brocade satin, with jewelled chiffon trimnings and diamonds,

Mrs. James W. Allison, white satin, duchess lace, and opals. Mrs. Thomas N. Carter, pink satin, with pink roses, and diamonds.

Mrs. William L. Royall, cream satin, real lace, diamonds, orchids. Mrs. E. D. Christian, white and pink brocade satin, chiffon bodice, pink roses. Mrs. James Lyons, black velvet with real lace and garniture of daisies.

Mrs. Francis Deane Williams, white satin, embroidered with mousseline de

Mrs. W. James Walker, white and pink alk, pearl ornaments. Mrs. Edward Buck, point d'esprit, corn-Mrs. Alian Potts, pale green satin,

magnificently jewelled.

Mrs. Levin Joynes, cream brocade satin, corn-colored trimmings, and diamonds.

Mrs. Stephen Putney, white and green satin, corsage of apple-green velvet, gold ornaments, and mistletoe.

Mrs. Charles Bolling, white hernani, duchess lace, and diamonds.

Mrs. W. T. Robins, black satin with

yellow trimmings.
Mrs. William C. Bentley, black satin. with chiffon and jet trimmings. THE YOUNG LADIES PRESENT. Annie McGuire, blue silk, with violet girdle. Miss Calvin Bragg, white organdie,

Miss Mary Newton, blue and black Mrs. Thomas N. Carter, yellow satin

Mrs. James H. Dooley, Parisian gown of black velvet. Miss Dickson, of New York, white, Miss Marian Robins, black satin, with Miss Hallie Cooke, white organdie, over Miss Fannie McGufre, white organdie,

ver pink. Miss Gabriella Page, pink brocade. Miss Mamie Saunders, white tulle, over

Miss Maude Stokes, white satin.
Mrs. Henry Bohmer, black and white
brocade corsage bordered with daisles.
Miss Eilie Bosher, white organdie, over

Miss Berta Wellford, white satin. Miss Lelia Gray, blue and white striped

Miss Helena Lefroy, white organdle, over blue. Miss Nina Randolph, yellow satin, with

violet trimmings.
Miss Florence Johnson, of New York,

Miss Anne Tennant, black satin.
Miss Louise Mayo, white brocade,
pearl; velvet corsage.
Miss Annie Lee Alfriend, pink slik,
chiffon overdress.
Miss Flossie Taibott, in black net over Miss Carpenter, of New York, pink

changeable sik.

Misa Annie Gray, light-blue figured silk, cavy corsage of blue velvet. Miss Madeline English, blue silk overdress of tulle. ress of time. Miss Palmer, of Roanoke, white satin. Miss Helen Lee, pink silk and chiffon. Miss Marion Meade, black satin.

Miss Mabel Walker, pink satin, Miss Binford, white moire. Miss Elder, of Staunton, white organ-Miss Lulie Lyons, white figured silk,

Miss Grant, white ratin; roses

Miss Roy Ellyson, in pink slik, with reen satin ribbons. Miss Kent, white satin. Miss Woodward, white brocade and lace, Miss Lewis, blue brocade. Miss Trail, white satin, chiffon trim-

Mrs. W. Penick Shelton, figured organ-Miss Mary Shelton, blue organdle.
Miss Claudia Palmer, yellow satin, lace.
Miss Mary Hill, white satin; pink roses.
Miss Randolph, of Charlottesville,
Dresden silk.

Miss Kathleen Anderson, lavender silk, ink trimmings.
Miss Mattle Purcell, white organdie over green silk.

ver green slik. Miss Mary Thomas, white satin, with green bodice.

Miss Kate Harris, pale-blue and lace. Among the lookers-on from the bal-cony were: Mrs. E. A. Saunders, Miss Arents, Misse Bland Clarke, Mrs. Wal-lace, Misses Boyl, Young, Lilly Hill, El-len Bagby; Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Taylor, Mrs. R. W. Powers, Dr. and Mrs. Jud. B. Wood, and others.

NAMES OF THE GENTLEMEN. NAMES OF THE GENTLEMEN.

Among the gentlemen in attendance were: Messrs, Levin Joynes, W. E. Grant, John Skelton Williams, George W. Stevens, Junius A. Morris, E. C. Mayo, James Lewis Anderson, Thomas N. Carter, Legh R. Page, W. C. Bentley, Dr. Stuart McGuire, Horace G. Hawes, B. B. Munford, Randolph Williams, Francis, I. Dayenport, W. S. P. Hawes, B. B. Muntord, Randolph Wil-liams, Francis I. Davenport, W. S. P. Mayo, Thomas Bolling, B. B. Valen-tine, Allen Potts, Charles E. Bolling, E. T. Crump, Cunningham Hall, Frank D. Williams, Lewis Brander, James Lyons, Jr., W. M. Habliston, H. E. C. Paskersillo, Courtney, Pinckney, John Baskerville, Courtney Pinckney, John Bryan, Van Dyke Johns, Judge William J. Leake, Major James H. Dooley, E. T. D. Myers, Jr., R. W. Powers, Clarence E. Young, Murray Dill, G. B. Wall, Otts Alfriend, A. Y. Stokes, Jr., James Rutherford, D. Graffenreid Hob-James Rutherford, D. Granefreid Hob-son, Joel Perrin, Edwin Vaughan, John B. Young, Eddie Robinson, Carlton Mc-Kioney, F. D. Daughtrey, Frank Blankenship, Phil. Powers, Eddie Harri-son, Lynwood Antrim, Lee Bragg, Thomas Brander, Berte Young, Albert Tanner, St. George Anderson, Ran-dolph Carrington, Dolph Campbell, Arcontributed the color which served to heighten the beauty of the scene.

Beneath the banners of the society at the south end of the room, the ladies of the Reception Committee, wearing their badges of white and green, formed their badges of white and green their badges Harrelson, Dr. F. H. Hancock, Alfred | His successor T. Harris, Granville Valentine, Allen Talbott, Eddie Benson, Dudley Mc-Donald, R. A. Lancaster, Dr. Robert John Rutherford, John Montague, Dr. T. R. Marshall, A. Reid Venable, John Price, and others.

GRAND CONCERT FOR THE POOR.

It is proposed to give a grand concert here in the very near future for

the benefit of the poor of the city.

Professor Jacob Reinhardt talked the matter over, with several gentlemen of matters, and further details will probably be arranged to-day. The entertainment will be given at the Academy of Music, and will be

made one of the most attractive of the winter. It will not only possess the winter. It will not only possess the nerit of being given in aid of those who are suffering for the scant neces-sities of life, but will have the added charm of bring before the public the very best talent that can be obtained. There will be other attractive features In addition to the fine music.

In brief, it will truly be a grand concert for a noble cause.

Nellie Pryor, a colored woman, about 50 years of age, fell dead upon the street last night about 9 o'clock. She was passing down Third street near Marshall, on her way home, 819 St. James street, when attacked with congestion of the lungs, and, falling to the pavement, died before medical aid reached her. Coroner Taylor viewed the body, but deeming an inguest uned the body, but deeming an inquest un-necessary, ordered it to be turned over to her friends for burial.

This the Last Day. This is the last day on which persons owing city taxes for 1896 have to pay them and keep their property from being returned delinquent. All the bills will be turned over to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes on Monday. Captain Cunningham will keep his office open to-day until 8 P. M. to accommodate those wishing to

A Charity Fair To-Day.

This afternoon at 4 o'clock a fair will be held by the little people in the vicinity of Colonel C. O'B. Cowardin's residence, 107 east Franklin street, to raise funds in aid of a needy family. The children are very earnest in their efforts to make the

Think Prof. Harris May Recover. Mr. H. H. Harris, of Lynchburg, writes to a friend here that while the illness of his father, Professor H. H. Harris, is very serious and gives the family great anxiety, still they have not given up hope of his

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R. W. COURTNEY, District Passenger Agent.

MR. HORTON TO LEAVE

SOUTHERN RAILWAY'S PASSENGER AGENT GOES TO BALTIMORE.

CAPT. C. W. WESTBURY SUCCEEDS HIM

Charge of the Richmond Office-Mr. Taylor Goes to Louisville and Mr. Wingfield to Norfolk.

By virtue of deserved promotion, Mr. J. C. Horton, travelling passenger-agent of the Southern railway, with headquarters in this city, is transferred to Baltimore as passenger agent there; Captain C. W. Westbury, one of the conductors of the line running between Washington and Charlotte, is made Mr. Horton's successor here; Mr. William H. Tayloe, now district passenger-agent at Norfolk, is made assistant general passenger-agent, with headquarters at Louisville, Ky., and Mr. J. H. Wingfield, a clerk in the office of the auditor of disbursements at Washington, goes to Norfolk as district passenger-agent.

These appointments were announced in circular promulgated yesterday by General-Passenger-Agent W. A. Turk. All of the gentlemen concerned are well known in Richmond, and naturally

much interest attaches to the changes Mr. Wingfield is the only native Richmonder affected by the order. MR. HORTON'S CAREER HERE. Mr. Horton came here from Lynchburg Mr. Horton came here from Lynchburg about fourteen months ago to accept the travelling passenger agency, and though a resident of Richmond but little over a year, he has made many friends, and has worked up a good business for his company. He is a thorough railroad man, and his premotion is undoubtedly the result of true merit. He doubtedly the result of true merit. He came here about two years ago te succeed Mr. Whitehead, who resigned to accept the secretaryship of the University College of Medicine and Surgery; but this was only temporary, and when Mr. C. W. Cecil was appointed to the office Mr. Horton returned to Lynchburg. After about ten months Mr. Cecil resigned and went to New Orleans, and then Mr. Horton came back here to take the office as a permanent thing.

thing. CAPT. WESTBURY POPULAR HERE. CAPT. WESTBURY POPULAR HERE.

Now, that he goes to Baltimore, Captain Westbury, is taken from the road and put in charge of the Richmond office. The Captain is one of the most popular conductors on the road and has a host of friends both in this city and throughout North Carolina and Virginia, who will rejoice over his promotion. He has been in the service of the company since a mere boy, and it was while serving as a passenger brakeman that he lost his hand. The member was cut off between two coaches just at the wrist, and his hand. The member was cut off between two coaches just at the wrist, and the genial conductor now wears an artificial hand, the fingers of which open and close automatically, at the wish of the wearer, and he is thereby enabled to punch tickets with as great facility as if he had both digits intact.

After his accident he was made conductor and given the run between this city and West Point. Subsequently he

city and West Point. Subsequently he assumed control of the Terminal Hotel, at West Point, which he ran for two sensons, but his love for the road was such that he returned to it. He was in the city last night, but will return to Washington to-day and will report for duty here on Monday morning, at which Mr. Horton will assume his new duties in Baltimore.

MESSRS, TAYLOE AND WINGFIELD, MESSRS, TAYLOS Mr. Tayloe, who is made assistant genis a nephew of City-Sergeant Charles H. Epps, and though he has lived for a number of years in Washington, his boyhood days were spent in Richmond and

Valuable Stock of Hardware for Sale Bids are invited on the vare of the late firm of Evens Brothers, ware of the late firm of Eva as Brothers, of Roanoke, Va., with a view of making a private sale of the same. The stock consists of a full line of heavy and shelf hardware, which on January i, 187, inventoried \$14.311.15. The stock may be seen and inspected at No. 32 Campbell avenue, Roanoke, Va., and the undersigned will be glad to show the stock of goods and receive bids from parties desiring to purchase. The plan was put on foot last night, siring to purchase.

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The terms of sale may be either for cash or on credit, but in case of a sale on credit, satisfactory security will be required of the purchaser. In case such an offer is not received by February 15, 1897, as will justify a private sale, the stock will be disposed of in the manner prescribed in the deed of trust from A. J. Evans and wife to E. L. Bell, trustee, dated October 30, 1894. H. T. HALL, Roanoke, Va. Receiver. Roanoke, Va.

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THE WEATHER IN RICHMOND YESTERDAY was clear and cold. State of the thermometer: A. M.

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